



Stage 2 Return to School (revised March 6, 2021)

Following the Ministry of Education COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings and SD5 protocols, Mount Baker Secondary School has developed the following plan for the 2020/21 school year (revised February 7, 2021).

Quarter System	
What is a quarter system?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to reduce the number of contacts students and staff have, we have moved to a quarter system for the 20/21 school year. • There are 4 terms within a year. Each term is 10 weeks long. • Students attend 2 classes a day per term, one class in the morning and the other in the afternoon. After a 10 week term students switch to another 2 classes for the next 10 week term. • As much as possible, the same group of students attend a morning and afternoon class. They, along with their teachers and other support staff, become a learning group or cohort. Note: teachers and support staff are not always part of a learning group and thus may have to adhere to additional protocols (e.g., maintaining 2 metre social distancing, using physical barriers).

Learning Groups	
What is a learning group? <i>(More information can be found in Appendix B on pages 6-7)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have been organized into learning groups for in-class instruction. This helps to limit contact and potential exposure. • At secondary schools the maximum size of a cohort (learning group) is 120 people. • Administration will keep a detailed cohort list for contact tracing purposes. • Within a learning group masks are required except when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outdoors - a barrier is in place • Any staff working with a student who is not a member of that student's cohort should try to maintain 2 meters physical distance or work behind a barrier. • In instances where a class is not part of a cohort, masks must be worn by all, plus physical distancing adhered to.



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Health and Safety Protocols	
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Baker has an onsite daytime custodian. • Cleaning will be done once every 24 hours and frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, toilet handles, tables, desks, chairs, etc.) twice every 24 hours. • Students will be trained to wipe tools in shops before and after use as part of cleaning protocols for a class.
Hand Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each classroom will have hand sanitizer to allow for regular/ consistent hand hygiene.
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required while in the building. Exception are when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outdoors - a barrier is in place - eating or drinking • Masks must be worn for low intensity indoor activities in PE classes. For high intensity indoor activities mask are optional. However: physical distance (2m) must be maintained for high intensity activities.
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff must maintain physical distancing when in groups outside of their learning groups. • School wide assemblies can only occur virtually. • In high traffic areas (e.g., library and main office) clear plastic barriers will be installed.
Traffic Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will move through the halls keeping to the right. • To minimize congestion and maintain flow there will be no lockers assigned. • Interior doors will be open by 8:00 am to allow smooth flow of traffic from halls into classrooms.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited access for visitors. Any access must be arranged through the office in advance. • Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being (e.g. teacher candidates, public health nurse, RCMP). • No community use in Stage 2. • Exterior doors will remain locked to manage building access.



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Health and Safety Checks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff</i> are required to complete a daily health screening before coming to work. If they have any of the listed symptoms they are to stay home, and log their absence in SRB. • <i>Students:</i> Parents are responsible for completing daily health checks prior to sending their child to school. If “yes” is checked off for any of the symptoms on the checklist, the student is to stay home and the school contacted about the absence. 		
Health Checklist				
1	Symptoms of Illness	Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	Circle One	
	a)	Fever (above 38 C) or chills	Yes	No
	b)	Chills	Yes	No
	c)	Cough	Yes	No
	d)	Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
	e)	Difficulty breathing	Yes	No
	f)	Sore throat	Yes	No
	g)	Loss of appetite	Yes	No
	h)	Extreme fatigue or tiredness	Yes	No
	i)	Headache	Yes	No
	j)	Body aches	Yes	No
	k)	Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No
	l)	Diarrhea	Yes	No
2	International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	Yes	No
3	Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	Yes	No

If you answered yes to any of the questions on the “Health Checklist” above, please stay home.



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Symptoms of Illness and Return to School

When Sick	<p>Students, staff or other adults should stay at home when sick. The following resources provide guidance regarding specific symptoms of illness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/caregivers and students can use the K-12 Health Check app. • Staff and other adults can refer to BCCDC's "When to get tested for COVID-19" • Staff, students and parents/caregivers can also use the BCCDC on line Self-Assessment Tool, call 8-1-1 or their health care provider.
Previously Diagnosed Health Conditions (e.g., seasonal allergies)	<p>Students and staff who experience symptoms consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g. seasonal allergies) can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. They do not require re-assessment by a health-care provider and should not be required to provide a health-care provider note. If the experience any new or unexplained symptoms, they should seek assessment by a health care provider</p>
Household member with Symptoms	<p>Students or staff may still attend school if a member of their household develops new symptoms of illness, provided the student/staff has no symptoms themselves. If the household member tests positive for COVID-19, public health will advise the asymptomatic student/staff on self-isolation and when they may return to school. Most illness experienced in B.C. is not COVID-19, even if the symptoms are similar.</p>

Teaching and Learning

Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In stage 2, instruction is face to face and in school. Our hope is that with only two classes a day students and teachers will be able to quickly develop a relationship conducive to efficient and effective learning.
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The curriculum is the standard Graduation Program curriculum from the BC Ministry of Education
Communicating Student Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on student progress will be according to the Ministry regulations. You should receive a midterm and final term report for each class.



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Shape of the Day	
8:45 - 11:30	MORNING CLASS
11:30 - 12:30	LUNCH
12:30 - 3:13	AFTERNOON CLASS

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Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon arrival to school students will move to their first class and join their cohort. Students do not have lockers. • Doors will be open to classrooms by 8:00 am. There is no loitering or wandering in the halls, so students are requested to arrive no earlier than 8:00. • Morning classes run from 8:45 to 11:30.
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch runs from 11:30 to 12:30. Some off timetable classes may meet at lunch. • Students have until 11:45 to wrap-up things in their morning class. • By 12:00 students should have moved to the afternoon class or left the building for their lunch hour. • Students wishing to stay at school for lunch may eat with others from their cohort in their morning classroom until 11:45 or in their afternoon classroom after 11:45. • Students leaving the school for lunch should return for their afternoon class as close to 12:30 as possible (i.e., no wandering the halls).
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon classes run from 12:30 to 3:13.
Breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaks during the morning and afternoon classes are not formally scheduled. The teacher of each class will allow appropriate breaks as suits each class and situation. • Breaks are taken with a cohort and within the class, unless the teacher moves the class as an entire cohort to another location (e.g., outside). • Bathroom breaks, as needed, will be limited to a student at a time monitored by the teacher. Masks must be worn in halls and to the bathroom.
Off Timetable Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes that run off timetable, either before school, at lunch, or after school will not be part of a learning group. Therefore, when they meet masks must be worn and social distancing adhered to. • Off timetable classes include some music classes, some theatre classes, leadership/warriors classes, yearbook, and Career Life Connection and Capstone classes.



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Other Information	
Sick at School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student becomes sick or develops symptoms at school they will be isolated in a sick room. • Parents will be informed to arrange immediate transportation home.
Inter-school Sports/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At present there will be no team sports against other schools nor events like music and drama festivals with other schools.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School buses will be running under “stage 2” protocols. • Parents and students are strongly encouraged to arrange a means of getting to school that does not rely upon School District 5 buses.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates and further information will be posted on our website and emailed.

Appendices	
A K-12 Education Restart Plan	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf
B BCCDC Covid-19 Public Guidance for K-12 School Settings	http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf?bcgovtm=20200506_GCPE_AM_COVID_9_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BCGOV_EN_BC_NOTIFICATION